

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JUNE 1, 1945

The Board of Public Works met on June 1, 1945, in the office of the Governor, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

There were present:                      Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
   Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of May 15, 1945, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

Judge Soper, Dr. McDougale, Carl Murphy, Dr. Holmes appeared for the Board of Trustees of Morgan State College. Judge Soper spoke, submitting statements regarding enrollment, scholarships and the need of additional staff members, and called attention to the inadequacy of the provisions for construction along the lines indicated in his statement. He also spoke regarding scholarships and the need for the additional staff members as elaborated in the statements on these subjects.

After a discussion of the several subjects, the representatives of the College were assured that the construction problem would receive careful consideration, that the College would be permitted to continue for the next school year the practice as to scholarships, with a study to be made as to the policy to be followed in the future, and that Mr. Kirkman would look into the needs for additional staff members and such action taken as the situation requires.

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated May 25, 1945, from the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company relative to the desire of that company to lease lands from the State of Maryland in connection with its work of exploration for oil in Maryland. A copy of the company's letter had been furnished each member of the Board prior to the meeting.

After discussing the matter, the Board felt it should take no action on the company's request that its proposal be considered at this time, until the views of Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director, Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, could be obtained, since it was on Dr. Singewald's recommendation that the proposal of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was accepted by the Board at its meeting of February 8, 1945.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The request of the University of Maryland for approval of its recommendation for architects for the preparation of plans and specifications was considered. The list of proposed postwar construction submitted covered projects totaling in cost \$4,322,000.00. The Board in its previous consideration of this matter had limited its approval to projects totaling in cost \$1,641,000.00.

The State's post-war construction program is outlined in Chapter 1085 of the Acts of 1945. The program for the University of Maryland is included in that law, but specific projects are not mentioned. The program totals approximately \$18,000,000, with \$12,500,000 being contributed toward.

The matter of request of the University relative to architects was referred to Mr. Kirkman so that he might contact Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University, and obtain a revised list from him covering projects within the total of \$1,641,000.00 approved.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Governor O'Connor advised the Board that he had been in contact with Senator George L. Radcliffe, President, Maryland Historical Society, relative to the work to be done under the supervision of the Maryland Historical Society on the war records which the State will create covering the activities of the citizens of the State during the present war period. He advised that

this work will be done under the direct supervision of Mr. N. Lasson, who is experienced in this work and who will undoubtedly do a very efficient job.

The Board referred to Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker the matter of working out the details of paying for this work.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

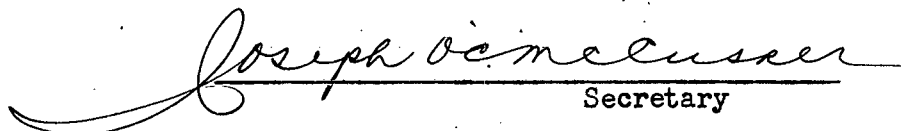
The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the Judges of the Court of Appeals had obtained a somewhat reduced price for the work of removing the antique ivory paint from the office of the Chief Judge in the Court of Appeals Building and restoring the mahogany finish of the woodwork. The price quoted for the doing of this work is \$525.00, and was submitted by the firm of John D. Beckley and Sons, of Baltimore.

The Board approved the awarding of contract for this work to the company mentioned.

The Secretary also brought to the attention of the Board a request that a wash basin be installed in the office to be used by Judge Melvin. The architect advises that the cost for the doing of this work would be about \$300.00 and suggested the possibility of requests from other Judges for wash basins to be installed in their offices in the event it would be decided to install the wash basin in Judge Melvin's office.

The Board felt the price of \$300.00 for the installation of a wash basin was too costly to authorize the doing of the work and disapproved the request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary